



# NEWS RELEASE

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**UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**CLINTON, KC FELONS INDICTED**  
**FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two felons were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for violating federal firearms law. Today's indictments are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Shelby D. Webster**, 30, of Clinton, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Webster** was in possession of a Rigarmi .22 caliber pistol on Dec. 9, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Webster** has a 1990 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Henry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Rahiem J. Johnson**, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson 3913 Lady Smith 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on Oct. 11, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Johnson** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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